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CONFERENCE COMES TO CLOSE

African Methodists Hold Successful Meeting.

THE METROPOLIS OF BEDFORD COUNTY AFLAME.

ALL PRESIDING ELDERS' DISTRICTS SUBMIT GOOD REPORTS—NO CHANGES IN THE HEADS OF THE DISTRICTS—SEVERAL TRANSFERS INTO AND OUT OF THE CONFERENCE—BISHOP PARKS READS APPOINTMENTS OF PREACHERS FOR THE COMING YEAR—WEST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE IN SESSION AT PARIS.

The forty-first annual session of the Tennessee Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church came to a close Monday night, October 26, and one of the most interesting sessions of this body ever held passed into history when Bishop H. B. Parks read the last appointment and the benediction had been pronounced. This session of the conference was interesting from many points of view. First, it is the oldest conference of the A. M. E. Church in this State. Secondly, Bishop Evans Tyree, the only bishop of Tennessee ever elected in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was present. Again, it is where the connectional educational institution in this state is located; and it was the first session of this conference ever presided over by Bishop Parks. All of these things added to the interest of the meeting. From Wednesday morning, October 21, to Monday, October 26, every session grew more and more inspiring. Presiding was vying with presiding, and pastor with pastor, and all the people of Shelbyville were apparently actively engaged in lending their aid to make the meeting a success. The church was not large enough to accommodate the crowds and hundreds were turned away from each session. Everything possible was done to make the stay of the visitors pleasant. There were several changes in the pastors of the church in this city, as will be seen from the list of appointments. In the case of St. John A. M. E. Church the change did not come as a surprise to the members, as they were apprised of this two weeks beforehand.

Special stress was laid on education by Bishop Parks, and every member of the Conference seemed to catch the spirit. When the election of trustees for the school was held the name of D. A. Hart, president of the Globe Publishing Company, was presented. Mr. Hart was not present, having been called to his home on urgent business, he was, however, elected as one of the trustees from the Tennessee Annual Conference. Mr. Hart is superintendent of the Sunday-school and a trustee of St. John A. M. E. Church, and has been very active in the interest of Turner Normal College.

The grand total amount raised for all purposes was \$3,407.52. Of dollar money raised the Nashville District, T. W. Haigler, presiding elder, reported \$603.62; the South Nashville, G. L. Jackson, presiding elder, \$683.37; the Columbia District, J. Q. Johnson, presiding elder, \$678.75; the Shelbyville District, H. L. P. Jones, presiding elder \$550. The conference paid off \$590 of old debts. It raised over \$1,500 for education, for the support of Turner Normal College at this place. The increase over all moneys raised last year was \$706. A high spirit of enthusiasm prevailed in all sessions of the conference. Bishop Parks, by his inspiring addresses and sermons, infused into the conference a determination to especially increase all the general claims, and besides to raise in the District Conference \$5,000 towards a new dormitory at the college.

Rev. B. G. Gordon was transferred to the East Tennessee Conference and

stationed at Knoxville. Rev. W. S. Brooks, who will take charge of St. Paul Church, South Nashville, has travelled extensively in Egypt and the Holy Land and on the continent of Europe. He comes from the Iowa Conference. Rev. A. Brooks, who was assigned to St. John in the same city is a strong preacher and pastor, well known all over the state.

Assignment of Preachers.
Nashville District—Dr. T. W. Haigler, presiding elder; St. John, A. Brooks; Payne Chapel, Wm. Flagg; Salem, I. J. Edwards; St. Luke, R. U. Ferguson; Hartsville, A. W. White; St. James, J. T. Gilmore; Brierville, U. S. G. Brown; Gallatin, Jas. Ridley; Brackentown, J. H. Kerr; Lafayette, J. W. Roy; Smithville, J. D. Frierson; Belle View, J. W. Talley; Springfield, G. W. L. Greene; St. Peters, E. E. Keys.

Missions—Allen Temple, S. G. Dotson; Antioch, J. L. Marlin; Rome, Jesse Goodall; Newsom, L. Muse; Castalian Springs, W. S. P. Harper; Dowelltown, B. M. Hughes; St. Phillips, R. F. Chambers; N. Nashville, J. M. Webb; Goodlettsville, E. Manase; Hamilton Street, Jno. Parker; Cedar Street, to be supplied; W. C. Henderson, District Missionary.

South Nashville District—Rev. G. L. Jackson, D. D. Presiding Elder; St. Paul W. S. Brooks; Bethel, W. B. Denny; Ebenezer, M. J. Jackson; Franklin, D. W. Binford; Woodbury, W. M. Reedy; Lebanon, J. T. Etherly; Gladeville, Wm. Penn Bell; Mt. Juliet, S. J. Howard; Cedar Grove, G. J. Stanford; Rock Hill, G. W. Bond; Rockvale, Jas. Childress; Brookline, C. H. Williams; Murfreesboro, E. R. Reed; Trinity, C. C. Campbell; McVey, Isaac Alexander; Flat Rock, W. H. Adams; District Missionary, M. K. Britt; Conference Evangelist, Tyree White.

Columbia District—Rev. J. J. Johnson, D. D. Presiding Elder; St. Paul, L. S. Howard; Mt. Pleasant, J. A. Crump; Bethel, W. H. Porter; Williamsport, N. Wilson; Lilbourne, J. B. Foxhall; Lynville, S. W. West; Godwin, W. C. Hunt; Sandy Hook, F. Gholston; Culleoka, G. W. Norman; Lawrenceburg, C. L. Smith; Santa Fe, B. N. Murray; Haywood, M. V. Wright; Columbia circuit, J. C. Smith; Clifton, Albert Cooper; New Hope, Chas. L. Smith; South Columbia, G. W. Perry; Waynesboro, W. J. Young; District Missionary, G. W. Gwinner. Missions—East Columbia, Gilbert Gordon; Iron City, S. H. Williams.

Shelbyville District—Rev. H. L. P. Jones, Presiding Elder; Shelbyville, to be supplied; Wartrace, A. J. Leath; Bell Buckle, T. W. Hampton; Pulaski, G. R. Norman; Lewisburg, G. W. Hodge; Chapel Hill, J. P. Sebastain; Prospect, M. D. Ivory; Uniontown, E. D. Brothers; Brown Chapel, N. Smith; Vail Mill, A. J. Polk; Haley, E. Smith; Pulaski circuit, Wm. Swift; Allen Bethel, Wm. Riggins; Shelbyville circuit, N. B. Morton; Aspen Hill, J. E. Carter; Elkton, Jesse Overton; District Missionary, J. C. Mc Adams.

Rev. W. V. Hawkins was transferred from this conference to the East Tennessee Conference and stationed at Winchester. Rev. W. H. Boddie was stationed at Tullahoma.

Bishop Parks and a large number of the members of the conference reached the city Tuesday morning. The pastors distributed from this point to the several stations. Bishop Parks left at 2 p. m. over the N. C. & St. L. Ry. for Paris, Tenn., where he opened the West Tennessee Conference Wednesday morning. It is the opinion of some that Dr. C. H. Boone, formerly pastor of St. Paul, will transfer to this conference. He had been at St. Paul a part of four years and had many friends in this city who will wish for him much success.

PROF. AND MRS. W. G. HYNES.

Prof. and Mrs. W. G. Hynes are spending this week in the capital of Kentucky (Frankfort) opening their engagement at the First Baptist Church.

Prof. Hynes is requested by the political men of the city to show the returns of the presidential election. Should Prof. Hynes decide the party promises to make the affair very interesting to the people of Frankfort and all attendants.

PLACE OF MARRIAGE CHANGED.

For the convenience of their many friends the marriage of Rev. C. H. Mantelle Boone and Miss Willie Nichols will take place at St. Paul Church, instead of at 423 Sixth avenue, South. The reception will be held as announced in the invitations.

SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Last Sunday a Busy Day For the Pastors.

INSTALLATION AT THE THIRD AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH.

ABLE AND INSTRUCTIVE SERMONS DELIVERED—REAL INTEREST AWAKENED IN RELIGIOUS WORK—PRACTICAL ADVICE GIVEN THE YOUNG PEOPLE—GENERAL MORAL UPLIFT APPARENT—MEMBERSHIP INCREASING PLEA FOR MORE MEN IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE—METHODIST MINISTERS ABSENT FROM CITY.

On last Sunday most of the churches in the city were unusually well attended. There seems to have been an understanding with the ministers in what could be styled an interdenominational agreement. The force of each sermon was on the line of the race question. Practically every term or phase of their discourse was a fundamental, far-reaching advice to the young people to ally themselves with Christian organizations—with the churches and Sunday-schools. Beginning at the smallest church in the city, those usually having the smallest congregations, and going up to the largest, it was noticeable that an increased number of members and visitors were present. It was stated during the week that a real interest was being awakened, primarily, it is supposed that the coming fall and winter are responsible for the bringing out of these large numbers of church goers, but in reality judging from the turn of events it is the good work being accomplished by the able pastors of the churches in the city who have rendered yeoman service in expounding the Gospel. Nashville is not drifting as some would think into greater vice. The number of conversions, additions shown on the several church roll books, and the general moral uplift now apparent are arguments, and furnish facts that cannot be denied. Nearly all of the African Methodist ministers were out of the city last Sunday in attendance to their conference, but the services were none the less interesting. At Thompson Chapel Dr. E. W. S. Hammond preached an able, instructive, far-reaching sermon; at Howard Congregational, Rev. Mr. Ames filled the pulpit with his usual intelligent manner; at Jackson Temple C. M. E. Church, Rev. Mr. Amos, the pastor, occupied the pulpit, preaching to an unusually large audience; at Sylvan Street Baptist Church, Rev. Mr. Haynes spoke; out on Mt. Nebo, Rev. Mr. Slaughter occupied the pulpit; at Fifth Avenue, Rev. Mr. Wilson spoke. Clark Memorial had its regular interesting services. Payne Chapel likewise, while St. Paul and St. John A. M. E. Churches contributed much to augment the attendance of churchgoers. At the First Baptist Church Dr. Ellington spoke, and held his increasing audience as usual, dwelling at length upon the needs of the race, making biblical comparisons. At Mt. Olive Dr. Clark emphasized that "we need more men—more men in the churches, more men in the homes, more men in the Sunday-schools, more men in business, more men in professions and more men in every walk of life." At the Kayne Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. Mr. Loft was practically hammering upon the same question. At the Second Baptist Church, of which Rev. G. B. Taylor is the pastor, and at the Hawkins Street Church, Rev. J. Harding, pastor, the subject was being given equal attention. The usual interesting services were held at Union Chapel. "Fisk Memorial" Salem was not neglected, while Bethel A. M. E., Gilead, Fairfield, Pilgrim, Mt. Zion, Pleasant Green, First Street, Tabernacle and the others of the city send in an equally interesting report for the morning services. Sunday afternoon two big services were held. One was at the North Third Avenue Baptist Church, where Rev. Moore was installed as pastor. He comes here from Murfreesboro and takes the place made vacant by Rev. J. L. Harding. Rev. Dr. Townsend held the other

large afternoon meeting at the old Spruce Street Baptist Church. It was in the form of a fall rally, which is reported to have been quite successful. The night services closed one of Nashville's most successful Sundays. The weather being ideal the entire day, helped much to bring out the hundreds of people who filled the houses of worship.

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS CAPITAL STOCK.

The recent action of the Bank of Mound Bayou, which was made by the board of directors and stockholders of the institution a few days ago, increased the capital stock from twenty-five thousand to fifty thousand dollars, which brings the Negro banking concerns up to a higher standard. There are now only a few Negro banks in the United States with a capital of fifty thousand dollars. This is not the only action taken by the Mound Bayou Bank that needs to be favorably commented upon. Some stockholders in this city have been informed that the bank will pay its regular 10 per cent dividend on December 5. Hence it is to be judged from this information that the directors also declared a 10 per cent dividend. The cashier Mr. Charles Banks, who is also president of the Mississippi State Business League, devotes his entire time to the bank. While President Jno. W. Francis, Vice President W. T. Montgomery, with R. M. McCarty, H. A. Godbold, S. M. Morgan, C. R. Stringer, E. W. Lampton, and B. H. Cresswell as directors are each doing their part to make the institution one of the leading banks in the United States.

A NEW ENTERPRISE FOR NASHVILLE.

There is nothing that clings to a race with more tenacity than its music, and nothing can be more characteristic. All races on the globe have their music—a natural gift that is as distinct as any feature of the people of that race. The American people being made up of many white races that have more or less intermarried, have mixed their music until it is impossible to distinguish the different races by distinctive characteristics. The German musicians have married the Irish, the English have married the French and so on. This condition of affairs compels this nation to admit to the world that the only pure and unadulterated music produced in this country is that of the Negro, familiarly known as "Jubilee Songs," "Plantation Melodies" or "Folk Songs." This music was permanently fixed in the minds of the American people by the African in the days that were made dark by the existence of the brutal slave system. When the burden of grief and persecution weighed heavily upon them they would send out upon the air in eloquent tones "Swing low, sweet chariot," or "Done died, I won't die no more." They knew no method, but were singing merely by the natural gift, and the world stopped to listen to their song. They had never heard anything like it, and were therefore compelled to accept it as distinctly original.

The institution of slavery has been blotted out, and forty odd years have passed since Lee surrendered to Grant, but the echoes from the field of the only original music in America are still floating over hill and valley, until after years of persistent study and research the Negroes of the present day have planned to give to the world in artistic form the only heritage left to them by their ex-slave parents, namely the "Jubilee Music," known as "Plantation Melodies" or "Folk Songs." A company has been organized in Nashville by the firm name of Work Bros. & Hart Co., who will make the publishing of this music a specialty. The Work brothers are known throughout the length and breadth of the country as professional musicians. They have spent years in a scientific study of the Negroes' musical abilities and are fully prepared to put this music before the public in first-class style. Mr. Hart is one of the best posted men in the country on matters pertaining to publishing, and the outlook for the company is one of unprecedented success. Nashville may well feel proud that she has in her midst citizens who are doing so much to preserve the integrity of a race of people whose history is unparalleled.

Mrs. Andrew Carter, of Watkins street, is spending a few weeks in Franklin. She is accompanied by her little daughter Laura.

MEETING OF DAY HOME CLUB

Its Object a Most Praiseworthy and Need One.

ADVISABILITY OF OPENING THE HOME AGAIN, DISCUSSED.

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB VERY FEW—HOME SUCCESSFULLY RUN FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS—MEAGER ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN—MORE FURNITURE, CLOTHES AND FUEL NEEDED—TREASURY EMPTY—EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO RAISE MONEY—CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, a very important meeting of the Day Home Club was held. It was the first meeting after a summer's vacation. There was a full attendance and an interesting and spirited discussion as to the advisability of again opening the Home. In a condensed form the decision to which the ladies arrived was this: The object of the Day Home was, as its name indicates, to care for the children of working women, while the mothers were at their labors. It was found that the mothers of our children had such irregular hours and they extended over so long a period that two out of every three children who were taken to the Home were expected to remain—both day and night. One can easily see that this condition required a larger house, more food, beds and bedding, and more help. We attempted to fill what we considered a long felt need and for a year and a half we have successfully carried on a Home, where ten and twelve children have been kept by the week; bathed, combed, dressed (often in the clothes that have been contributed or that the women of the club have made, and those who were old enough were taught to read, write and sew.

For this service we estimated the price as small as could possibly be made—one dollar and ninety-five cents a week, and where a mother had more than one child, for which to be cared, we charged even less. Often a mother would bring a child, pay for one week's board and two or three weeks afterwards she would return, make promises that were not kept and the child was removed with no more money to its credit.

We were more fortunate in collecting for the children who were for the day, but they were few in number.

The regularly active members of the Club were very, very few and their labor was increasing. For more than a year there has been twenty dollars per month paid for rent, fifteen dollars for a matron, eight and ten dollars for a cook and thirty-five and forty dollars for food—besides the many tons of coal for heating and cooking. This money was raised by regular giving on the part of the women of the Club; the small amount of board from the children; entertainments, with this object in view: collections taken at the different churches and contributions from personal solicitations. During this year with a larger house to support, a greater amount of furniture, beds and bedding has had to be secured and most of it has been applied as well to all other expenses, for with God's helps and the assistance of charitable sympathizing persons we were able to report at this last meeting that all debts were paid. While the decision of this meeting was to open the Home, we were compelled to make this decision because of no money in the treasury. We will though retain our united condition as well as our name, continue our monthly meeting and make efforts to raise sufficient money to establish a Home for the care of the children whom we see need our care and whom we have already done much good.

We are not discouraged and we will continue to use our means, live and effort to allay suffering humanity and will be grateful for contributions that will assist us in our work.

Thanking those who have assisted us in the past and with a plea for future help, we remain,

Mrs. J. C. Napier, President; Mrs.